(b) and (c) There is no written examination for employment to unskilled categories and for the first level of officer, the candidates for out of turn appointment have to pass a written test and interview. Zonewise breakup of the dependents who took the written test is not available.

(d) Eight graduates have been given employment after being qualified in the written test as on 31-3-92.

SC/ST Air hostesses debarred from serving in 1st class

67. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air hostesses belonging to SC/ST communities are debarred from serving on board in Air India's flights in first class;

(b) whether Government are aware that Air hostesses belonging to ST community of Eastern Region, particularly from Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura etc. are debarred from serving on board in Air India's flights in 1st class;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw such discriminatory administrative instructions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) There is no discrimination in the matter of assignment of air hostesses in Air India flights in first class. Dy. Chief Air Hostesses/Sr. Check Air Hostesses are assigned to work in the first/club class. In their absence, air hostesses are assigned on the basis of seniority and rotation.

Pending industrial disputes against Air India

68. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Industrial disputes which are pending as on date before the Labour Commissioners against Air India; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of industrial disputes pending before Labour Commissioners against Air India are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Industrial Disputes Pending before ALC (C) /RLC (C)

Sl. No.	Name of the case	Nature of the Litigation
1	2	3
1	Mr. A.C. Gote V/s. Air India (Nagpur) (Casual Labourer)	Absorption in Air India.
2	Mrs. R. Sule, Sr. D.A. V/s. Air India .	Supersession
3	AIEG V/s. Air India (T.K. Sarkar) (Calcutta)	Absorption in Air India
4	S.M. Singh V/s. Air India (Casual Labourers)	Absorption of Casual Labourers
5	K. Ramkrishnan V/s. Air India (Madras) .	Compulsory rotation of employees
6	Strike Notice dt. 14-11-91 by ACEU (Central)	10 Points demands

1	2	3
7	ID raised by IATA before RLC (C) over Calendar issue	Calendar issue
8	ACEU V/s. Air India	Weekly hours of work of Hadyman in Medical Services.
9	Strike Notice issued by ACEU	Transfer of Drivers
10	Strike Notice issued by ACEU	Taxi fare
11	Mr. Shavali V/s. Air India	Removal /Dismissal
12	S.N. Khadke V/s. Air India	Removal/Dismissal
13	V.G. Tairipascu (Apprentice) V/s. Air India	Removal/Dismissal
14	ACEU V/s. Air India	Irregularities in promotion of Stencs in CCSD
15	ACEU V/s. Air India.	Inter-se seniority of Plant Technicians.
16	ACEU V/s. Air India	Non filling up of vacancies in EFD.
17	M/R/ Jadhav V/s. Air India	Removal/Dismissal
18	Mrs. A.V. Pinge V/s. Air India	Reinstatment in Air India.
19	ACEU V/s. Air India.	Enhancement of PF Contribution from 8 1/3% to 10)%
20	ACEU V/s. Air India (T.D. Hegde, O.A.)	Denial of promotion
21	ACEU V/s. Air India (M.B. Sonekar, Mast Tech.)	Punishment
22	ACEU V/s. Air India (S. N. Narkat, Ch. Telephone Operator)	Seniority
23	R.P. Mishra, Loader V/s. Air India	Removal/Dismissal
24	N.B. Kabdam, Sr. A/Tech V/s. Air India	Loss of Pay
25	ACEU V/s. Air India (R.B. Parab)	Promotion
26	P.N. Lious (Ex-CL) V/s. Air India	Absorption in Air India.
27	ACEU V/s. Air India	Non filling up of vacancies of Accountant in Accounts.
28	Strike Notice dt. 6-1-92 issued by ACEU	Promotion from Sr. O.A. to ASS grade on completion of six years
29	N.R. Kassare V/s Air India	Promotion
30	Mrs. R. Patil, Ex-TA V/s Air India	Dismissal/Removal
31	E.K. Nikam, Ex-cleaner Air India	Dismissal/Removal
32	Mr. Fateh Singh (Loader) V/s Air India	Removal/Dismissal
33	B.M. Gonkar V/s Air India (Ex-Loader)	Removal/Dismissal
34	G.D. Tiwari V/s Air India	Removal/Dismissal
35	AIEG V/s Air India (D.C. Tupsudare, Driver)	Increment
36	B.R. Bitla V/s Air India	Removal/Dismissal

1	2	3
37	G.M. Bhatnagar V/s Air India	Removal/Dismissal
38	ID raised by AIEG	Over Al Charters' Ltd.
39	A.K. Gaikwad V/s Air India	Absorption in Air India
40	Mrs. S.K. Ponda V/s Air India	Date of Birth
41	V.V. Phakde V/s Air India	Promotion
42	IFEA V/s Air India	Longhaul Allowance
43	AIEG V/s Air India	Non filling up of vacancy of Sports Officer
44	G.G. Gaikwad V/s Air India	Dismissal/Removal

Provisions under Air Transport Act and selling of Airlines shares to public

69. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Transport Act provides for an Airprt Transport Council for interaction with consumers;

(b) if so, whether this is now operational and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sell 76 percent of shares of Air India, India Airlines and Vayudoot to the public instead of handing these over to the business houses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Under Section 30 of the Air Corporation Act, 1953, the Central Government may, from time to time, constitute an Air Transport Council which, under Section 31, is required to consider issues referred to it by the Corporation, Director General of Civil Aviation, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs and the Central Government, basically regarding operations, tariffs and financial matters. At present no Air Transport Council is functioning, since the initial problems which promoted the setting up of an Air Transport Council have all been settled.

(c) No, Sir.

Vacant posts of Traffic Officers in Indian Airlines

70. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a substantial number of vacancies in the cadre of Traffic Officers in the grade 10/12 in Indian Airlines remain unfilled;

(b) if so, what is the number of vacancies that remain to be filled up;

(c) whether there is a valid panel existing; and

(d) if so, whether the vacancies will be filled up before the expiry of the said valid panel?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As on 22nd April, 1992, there are 48 vacancies in the category of Traffic Officers under the direct recruitment quota.

(c) While valid panels for recruitment under promotion and selection quotas are in existence, action is underway to from two panels—one for